



PATENT APPLICATION

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Re App : Manuel A. Villafana et al.  
Serial No.: 10/698,253 April 30, 2004  
Filed : October 31, 2003 Art Unit (unknown)  
For : GRAFTED NETWORK INCORPORATING A MULTIPLE CHANNEL  
FLUID FLOW CONNECTOR

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Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
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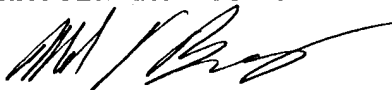
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Dated: April 30, 2004      Respectfully submitted,

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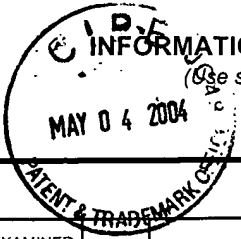


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		3,479,670	11/25/1969	Medell			
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